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Dear Education Committee members:

We Connecticut taxpayers have just went through eight years of the last governor's budget shortfalls and hikes in taxes. The large corporations said enough is enough and left Connecticut for a more friendly tax state. I have explained to my co-workers and neighbors as well as family members that expressed that corporations pay little taxes to the state, that it was the thousands of employees of these companies that did pay taxes, purchased homes and paid taxes to towns and cities, purchased cars, groceries, clothing, and numerous other products and paid taxes on all of these items. Now more people are leaving Connecticut than are moving here due to the burdensome cost and now governor Lamont wants to put the state of Connecticut's financial obligation onto towns that already pay a substantial tax to the state. I am writing to urge you to vote against both the teacher pension obligation of the state and forcing towns to regionalize their education departments. I am already paying high taxes and cannot afford more. Shifting the state's obligation onto local municipalities is just another tax.

Thank You

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